

***Klamath Fishery Management Council Meeting
March 9-14, 2003
Red Lion Hotel
Sacramento, California
Meeting #72***

Sunday, March 9, 2003

9 a.m. Convene and Introduction of Members

Representative Seat

California Department of Fish and Game
California In-river Sport Fishing Community
California Ocean Commercial Salmon Industry
California Offshore Recreational Fishing Industry
Hoopa Valley Tribe
National Marine Fisheries Service
Non-Hoopa Indians Residing in Klamath Conservation Area
Oregon Commercial Salmon Fishing Industry
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Pacific Fishery Management Council
U.S. Department of the Interior

Member

Eric Larson (Alternate)
Virginia Bostwick
Dave Bitts
Paul Kirk
Mike Orcutt
Dan Viele, Chair
Dave Hillemeier
Keith Wilkinson
Neal Coenen (Alternate)
Don Hansen (Alternate)
Phil Detrich

Agendum 1. Review and approve agenda

Dan Viele stated that Michael Mohr was not present and that the Klamath Ocean Harvest Model (KOHM) results were not yet ready. Members discussed what they could accomplish in the absence of the Modeling results. Allen Grover said that the model runs should be available by 7:30 pm. Members decided to continue to work through the agenda, then recess until 7:30 pm.

**Dave Bitts made a motion with Keith Wilkinson seconding.
To approve the Agenda as amended.
The motion passed unanimously.**

Agendum 2. Review materials and correspondence

Gary Curtis reviewed the handouts.

Agendum 3. Report on modeling results requested at the February 2003, meeting

This item was delayed until 7:30 pm.

Agendum 4. Public Comment

Jim Welter, Salmon Advisory Sub-panel (SAS) member, discussed the 15-17% range in the California Fish and Game Commission documents and said that they modeled at 15% harvest last year. Jim Welter then reviewed the Council's allocations to the various fisheries.

Agendum 13. Discuss proposed letter to DOI Secretary Norton regarding the upcoming water year

Dave Hillemeier distributed a draft of the letter to members. Dan Viele asked how this letter was different from the letter the Council wrote to Secretary Norton in October of 2002. Dave Hillemeier said it was more general and deals with seasonal flows. Members then discussed the content of the letter. Several members said that the letter is too detailed. The Council then discussed how detailed the letter should be and what should be in it.

Action: Dan Viele and a few others will continue to work on the letter.

Agendum 14. Proposal to allow the retention of hatchery-reared salmon in the Trinity River recreational fishery

Dan Viele stated several points related to this topic: 1) a selective fishery on hatchery coho would increase impacts on wild fish; 2) would need to be a State action and require a exemption for Take under the Endangered Species Act (ESA); 3) listing status could change as result of current review prompted by Alsea court decision; 4) Trinity River hatchery coho status could change in response to listing under California Endangered Species Act; 5) if any major impacts on abundance in freshwater occurred, NMFS would need to address ocean impacts also. Members then discussed the ramifications and the complexity of developing a fishery on hatchery coho. Eric Larson stated that California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) would need a lot of additional information and studies before considering this, but if a proposal was ever developed, Council endorsement and recommendations would be useful.

Agendum 15. Draft letter from Council to PacifiCorp regarding marking rates of fall Chinook salmon at Iron Gate Hatchery

Members discussed the current marking rates used at Iron Gate Hatchery. Dan Viele said that information on the impact of the low marking rates on fishery data is needed from the Technical Advisory Team (TAT). Mike Orcutt asked if the marking rate needed for fishery management is a PacifiCorp responsibility. Dan Viele said it is also an ESA issue since hatchery fish allow fishing to occur, and that hatchery fish are surrogates to allow measurement of impacts on wild fish. Members briefly discussed the status of the ongoing relicensing process of the hydropower project that the hatchery mitigates for. Dave Hillemeier suggested that the Council send a letter to CDFG on this because they fund 20% of the hatchery costs. Dan Viele said he would try to draft a letter this week.

Dave Hillemeier asked for a discussion on potential budget cuts affecting the Iron Gate Hatchery fall Chinook yearling program. He suggested writing a letter to CDFG regarding this issue. Dan Viele said that the NMFS-CDFG Joint Hatchery review recommended that yearling production be increased and fingerling production be reduced at Iron Gate Hatchery. Dan Viele asked if there was any interest from the Council to write a letter to CDFG on this. Members further discussed this and the broader issue of potential CDFG budget cuts. Eric Larson said that budget shortfalls are not firm and may change, and that CDFG is working internally on this. Mike Orcutt asked if Eric Larson could look into this further. Eric Larson agreed to ask about the status of the yearling program. Members agreed that a discussion of potential CDFG program cuts should be placed on the agenda for the April, 2003, meeting.

Agendum 16. Public comment

Jerry Reinholdt asked the Council what was in danger right now from the low flows. He also asked what the Hardy Report was, and if anyone at the Federal level thinks they made a mistake. Members responded to his questions and a short discussion followed.

Agendum 17. Draft letter from the Council to the Fish and Wildlife Service regarding their new Strategic Vision for the Fisheries program

Dan Viele stated that nothing had been done and asked that the Council defer action on this. Dave Bitts said that the Vision made no reference to commercial fisheries, and that should be considered for the Council's letter. Don

Stevens, SAS Chair, said that the Washington Trollers have a letter out to FWS that stated that commercial fishing was not included in the Vision.

Recess until 7:00 pm.

Members decided to recess until 7:45 pm.

Reconvene at 8:45 pm.

Agendum 19. Set meeting times for the remainder of the week

The Council set the following meeting dates and times:

Monday, March 10 at 12:00 pm.

Tuesday, March 11 at 12:00 pm.

Wednesday, March 11 at 12:00pm.

Don Steven, SAS chair, stated that the Council had all of Michael Mohr and Allen Grover's time last year and that he hoped the SAS could have some more of their time this year. He also said that the SAS as never seen the model [KOHM] run or had time to ask questions about it.

Paul Kirk asked if the Council could discuss potential options. Dan Viele said that the acceptance of the TAT report from March 2002 could be added to the KFMC's recommendations. Dan Viele asked how well the KOHM predicted the fishery effort in Fort Bragg. Allen Grover replied that it did well, but that it was a quota fishery-the model predicted the effort necessary to catch the 10,000 fish, but that the quota was met in four days, rather than the 10 days allowed. He also said that the model could now be run directly from a floppy disk.

Dan Viele asked if a statement of ESA effects on Tribal harvest should me included in the recommendations again this year. Eric Larson said he will provide some language regarding in-river monitoring.

Don Stevens, said that maybe the in-river recreational industry should pay for harvest monitoring, since Oregon troll paid for some of their observers. Members then discussed at-length the problems and ramifications of not doing real-time in-river harvest monitoring this year.

Agendum 3. (continued) Report on modeling results requested at the February 2003, meeting

[Phil Detrich left and designated Gary Curtis served as alternate DOI representative and Designated Federal Officer]

Michael Mohr handed out the 2004 Stock Projection Report (see Handout 2, Agendum 3). Michael Mohr then discussed the report and modeling results. He said that they modeled assignment requests 1 and 2 at the February 2003, meeting in Brookings, but didn't do the third assignment request, to allow the Council to see the results of modeling 2003 abundance levels with the 2002 regulations first, since they resulted in an escapement level well below the required spawner floor.

Michael Mohr then did a model run, reducing the exploitation rate to 31%, which removes equally from in-river recreational and Tribal fisheries and adds them to escapement.

Paul Kirk asked when the Klamath Management Zone (KMZ) Coalition options should be given to the modelers. Members discussed the implications of lower ESA coho restrains this season. Dan Viele said the Council needs to provide KMZ sport options and commercial season recommendation to SAS.

Keith Wilkinson brought up the issue of the 15-17% range for the in-river recreational fishery discussed at the February 2003 meeting in Brookings. He expressed concern that the issue might become a problem. Neal Coenen

asked where the California Fish and Game Commission expected the 2% increase (to 17%) would come from. Eric Larson said that it was a non-issue, and to just set it at 15%.

Keith Wilkinson made a motion with Paul Kirk seconding.

To use for modeling purposes the options listed in Handout 4, Agendum 5

Motion vote deferred until after the following discussion on KOHM performance, then passed unanimously.

Members discussed the performance of the KOHM. Michael Mohr showed results from the KMZ sport fishery and said that the model performs reasonably well there. He then discussed the relationship between contact rates and effort in the KMZ, and said that although the data were highly variable, the results appear to be unbiased. Members then discussed whether the KMZ Coalition options should be modeled now or wait until options for the ocean troll fishery are available. Don Stevens, said that the Oregon troll fishery options should be available by noon today. A vote was held on the above motion, and the motion passed.

Dave Bitts made a motion with Paul Kirk seconding.

To model two options for the California troll fishery at a 16% harvest rate:

- 1) Put all expanded fishing opportunities in California.
- 2) Put all expanded fishing opportunities in Oregon.

Members then discussed the motion. Keith Wilkinson stated he would have to speak against this motion because it violates the agreement for 50/50 California/Oregon sharing above/below zone. He said the motion needs to be clear on where the fish are going. Keith Wilkinson said the Council should stick to 50/50 sharing for modeling purposes and he hoped for some increase in the KMZ fisheries. He would prefer that the motion be withdrawn.

Dave Bitts withdrew the motion.

Mike Orcutt made a motion with Paul Kirk seconding.

To model the effects on ESA constraints on Tribal allocations using the following parameters: 1) in-river recreational harvest at 15%; 2) no ESA constraints; 3) no PFMC-Fishery Management Plan coho Conservation objective restrictions; and 4) a 35,000 fish spawner floor.

The motion passed unanimously.

Members then discussed the timetable for presenting recommendations. Don Stevens, said that the SAS needs something by 4:00 pm Monday. Duncan McLean, SAS member, said that they prefer getting direction from the Council and then SAS will run model.

Recess at 10:30 pm.

Monday, March 10, 2003

12:00 pm, Re-convene: *Member and DFO change: Gary Curtis, DOI, for Phil Detrich*

Agendum 5. Action: Develop a range of options for the 2003 management season, for discussion with the Salmon Advisory Sub-panel and presentation to the Pacific Fishery Management Council

Michael Mohr reviewed the modeling results from the previous day's assignments (see handout 5, Agendum 5). Dan Viele said the results suggest that any of the three KMZ sport options would be viable under last year's commercial fishery regulations.

Michael Mohr then reviewed the model run to determine ESA effects on Tribal allocations.

Dan Viele asked if the Council was ready to entertain motions. Members then discussed the need to know the in-river allocation percentage.

**Virginia Bostwick made a motion with Eric Larson seconding.
To include the following in the report to the PFMC:**

River Recreational Allocation

The Council recommends a 15% share for the river recreational fishery. In the event the ocean fisheries are not able to harvest their full allotments (on a pre-season basis); any additional adult fish returning to the river should be allocated to the river recreational fishery.

The motion passed unanimously.

**Dave Bitts made a motion with Keith Wilkins on seconding.
To direct the Technical Advisory Team to model the following:**

Using 2002 season as a starting point, expand fishing opportunities such as to reach a 16% age-4 ocean harvest rate, and proportionally increase the harvest in the following three fisheries:

- 1) California Troll- increase harvest in Ft. Bragg area in May**
- 2) KMZ fishery- increase sport fishery**
- 3) OR Troll- increase June Zone quota fishery, and add days in Coos Bay and Newport cells in July**

Keith Wilkinson offered a Friendly Amendment:

To consider raising daily trip limits in Zone troll fishery in Oregon

Dave Bitts accepted the Friendly Amendment.

The motion passed unanimously.

Paul Kirk made a motion with Keith Wilkinson seconding.

To forward the KMZ Coalition Options [to the PFMC] and the model results for each of those option using the following in the Report: We also forward the Klamath Coalition's recommended three options, reached by consensus, for the Zone recreational fishery (all of the above are attached).

The motion passed unanimously. NOTE: the words "reached by consensus" were proposed as a Friendly Amendment by Keith Wilkinson, which was accepted by Paul Kirk.

Mike Orcutt made a motion with Dave Hillemeier seconding.

To include Handout Agendum 5, Item 5, and the following section to the Council report to the PFMC:

ESA Effects on Tribal Harvest

The KFMC reviewed its previous recommendations with respect to full utilization of fishery resources and the effects of ESA restrictions on the determination of the total available harvest of Klamath River fall Chinook. In 2003, absent ESA constraints, the expected Tribal harvest would be approximately 41,900 fish. However, any shift in harvest of Klamath fall Chinook from ocean to river fisheries results in a reduction in overall available harvests, and therefore reduces the tribal allocation. (Modeling results attached).

Eric Larson offered a Friendly Amendment.

To amend the table with the 2003 18.6% projected harvest rate and the 2002 19.5% harvest rates.

Mike Orcutt accepted the Friendly Amendment.

Dan Viele offered a Friendly Amendment.

To recommend changing "allocation" to "Harvest" in the last sentence.

Mike Orcutt declined the Friendly Amendment.

The motion passed unanimously.

Members then discussed the issue of real-time monitoring. Eric Larson asked if the Council could wait until the next day to address the Report to the PFMC.

Mike Orcutt asked if the Council wanted to include information on KOHM performance in the report to the PFMC. Dan Viele asked that the TAT produce effort plots for the Fort Bragg troll fishery and the KMZ sport fishery, and to provide any general statements that they have on KOHM performance.

Mike Orcutt stated he would like to add a paragraph to the report to the PFMC on spring Chinook management.

Dan Viele assigned the TAT to prepare a paragraph on spring Chinook management for the report.

**Paul Kirk made motion with Eric Larson seconding.
To include the following in the Report to the PFMC:**

Acceptance of Technical Advisory Team Report

The Council received and endorsed the TAT report of March 9, 2003. Although predicted Klamath Falls Chinook abundance is less than was predicted for 2002, the spawning escapement objective will again be the floor of 35,000 natural spawners.

The motion passed unanimously.

Dave Bitts asked if the Council should deliver its recommendations directly to the SAS. Dan Viele said it should be done Chair-to-Chair, and that he would do that.

The members discussed the current draft letter to DOI Secretary Norton (see Handout 4a, Agendum 13). Dan Viele said he would distribute the file to members.

Recess

Tuesday, March 11, 2003

12:00 pm, Re-convene : *Member changes: Gary Curtis, DOI, for Phil Detrich; Don Hansen arrived at 12:30 pm; and Virginia Bostwick not present.*

Agendum 5. (continued) Action: Develop a range of options for the 2003 management season, for discussion with the Salmon Advisory Sub-panel and presentation to the Pacific Fishery Management Council

Michael Mohr presented the results for Dave Bitts modeling request from the previous day. Upon seeing the results, Dave Bitts said that he meant the proportional increase in terms of relative harvest the previous year, not an equal increase in all three fisheries, and that the result was not the one he was looking for. Members discussed whether the Council should put forth any recommendations for the commercial fishery.

Paul Kirk suggested the following to be included in the report to the PFMC: Troll representatives on the Council are working with the SAS to assist in the development of options.

**Eric Larson made a motion with Paul Kirk seconding.
To include the following in the report to the PFMC:**

DFG To Monitor Sport Fishery

The California Department of Fish and Game has agreed to monitor the 2003 lower river sport fishery and project season catch in real time. The KPMC is concerned that budgetary constraints may preclude monitoring of the upper river fishery. The KPMC urges the Department to monitor all components of the river recreational harvest.

The motion passed unanimously.

**Mike Orcutt made a motion with Paul Kirk seconding.
To include the following in the report to the PFMC:**

Spring Chinook Management

The KFMC intends to develop management recommendations for the PFMC aimed at the conservation of Klamath spring Chinook while preserving meaningful harvest opportunities for both ocean and river fisheries. This unique stock has contributed significantly to both ocean and river fisheries without the benefits of management. Concerns have been raised to the KFMC that the status of spring Chinook, once believed to be the dominant race among Klamath Chinook, is presently depressed and largely sustained by hatchery production. In order to ensure the viability of this stock, the KFMC, working with its Technical Advisory Team and member agencies, is developing information useful for identifying management objectives for Klamath spring Chinook.

The motion passed unanimously.

Agendum 8. Public Comment

Jim Welter, SAS member, said that the Council didn't make any headway today.

Recess.

Wednesday, March 12, 2003

12:00 pm, Re-convene *Member changes: Gary Curtis, DOI, for Phil Detrich; Desma Williams, Non-Hoopa Indians, for Dave Hillemeier; Neil Manji, CDFG, for Eric Larson; George Kautsky, Hoopa Valley Tribe, for Mike Orcutt; Don Hansen, Dave Bitts, and Virginia Bostwick not present.*

Agendum 5. (continued) Action: Develop a range of options for the 2003 management season, for discussion with the Salmon Advisory Sub-panel and presentation to the Pacific Fishery Management Council

Dan Viele asked the Council if there were any additional recommendations to the PFMC; there were none.

Dan Viele said it might be useful for the Council to give an assessment of KOHM performance. Michael Mohr reviewed his handouts on KOHM performance (see Handout X, Agendum 5). He discussed the relationship between predicted effort to actual effort by area and month using data from the 1990s. He also reviewed the relationship between effort and contact rate, using all data since 1980. He then discussed examples of where the small numbers of coded-wire-tagged (CWT) fish resulted in extremely large expansion factors.

Dan Viele said he was reluctant to say much to the PFMC about model performance, and that it should come from the Scientific and Statistical Committee or the Salmon Technical Team.

Agendum 15. (continued) Draft letter from Council to PacifiCorp regarding marking rates of fall Chinook salmon at Iron Gate Hatchery

Dan Viele will produce a draft of this letter for the April, 2003, meeting in Vancouver, Washington.

Agendum 16. Public comment

No public comment received.

Agendum 17. (continued) Draft letter from the Council to the Fish and Wildlife Service regarding their new Strategic Vision for the Fisheries program

Dan Viele will work with staff on this issue.

Agendum 18. Assignments to the Technical Advisory Team, staff, and members

Neil Manji reported that the current CDFG TAT representative, Scott Barrow, would be replaced by Melodie Palmer-Zwalen for ocean aspects, and Wade Sinnen for in-river aspects.

Dan Viele will produce a letter to staff on this.

Assignments to TAT: none.

Assignment to Staff:

- 1) Prepare summary of recommendations and pertinent correspondence from the Council to the PFMC and others, in tabular form.
- 2) Add PFMC to cc list on letter to DOI Secretary Norton.

Agendum 20. Items for the April 6-11, 2003, meeting in Vancouver, Washington

Members discussed potential agenda items and listed them as follows:

- 1) Final recommendations to PFMC.
- 2) Review of public comment (PFMC).
- 3) Update from CDFG on monitoring of angler harvest in upper river.
- 4) Letter to PacifiCorp regarding marking rates on fall Chinook.
- 5) Letter to FWS on Fisheries Program Strategic Vision.
- 6) Update on CDFG budget cuts.
- 7) Staff summary of Council actions since 1995.

Adjourned at 1:30 pm.

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List of Attendees

The following individuals attended the Klamath Fishery Management Council meetings in Brookings, Oregon, on March 9-14, 2003.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Jim Welter	Port of Brookings - SAS
Don Stevens	Klamath River Technical Advisory Team
Desma Williams	Klamath River Technical Advisory Team
Jerry Barnes	Klamath River Technical Advisory Team
Gerald Reinholdt	Pacific Fishery Management Council
Barbara Emiry	Public
Jim Waldvogel	Klamath River Technical Advisory Team
George Kautsky	Hoopa Valley Tribal Council
George Ely	Public

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Jim Welter	Port of Brookings – SAS

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LIST OF HANDOUTS

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| Agendum 3 | Klamath River Fall Chinook Age-Specific Escapement, 2002 Run. |
| Item 1 | |
| Item 2 | Ocean Abundance Projections & Prospective Harvest Levels for Klamath River Fall Chinook, 2003 Season. |
| Agendum 5 | Klamath Fishery Management Council Report and Recommendations to the Pacific Fishery Management Council, dated March 12, 2002. |
| Item 1 | |
| Item 2 | Klamath Fishery Management Council Report and Recommendations to the Pacific Fishery Management Council, dated April 9, 2002. |
| Item 3 | Draft report to Pacific Fishery Management Council with items approved at the February 2003 meeting. |
| Item 4 | Klamath Management Zone Fisheries Coalition 2003 Salmon Season Options. |
| Item 5 | Modeling Results from Technical Advisory Team. |
| Item 6 | Revised Draft Report Klamath Fishery Management Council Report and Recommendations to the Pacific Fishery Management Council, dated March 11, 2003. |
| Item 6a | Modeling Results-California Troll. |
| Item 7 | Modeling Results from Technical Advisory Team 2003 Season Options. |
| Agendum 13 | Letter from Klamath Fishery Management Council to Secretary Gale Norton regarding Klamath River Fish Kill, dated October 10, 2002. |
| Item 1 | |
| Item 2 | Letter from Klamath River Basin Fisheries Task Force to Gale Norton regarding Recent Salmon Die-off on the Klamath River, dated December 27, 2002. |
| Item 3 | Letter from Pacific Fishery Management Council to Secretary Gale Norton regarding the effects of reduced flows on the anadromous salmonid fish populations of the Klamath River, dated December 4, 2002. |
| Item 4 | Draft Letter from Dave Hillemeier to Secretary Gale Norton. |
| Item 4a | 2 nd Draft Letter to Secretary Gale Norton. |
| Item 4b | 3 rd Revised Draft Letter to Secretary Gale Norton. |
| Item 4c | 4th Revised Draft Letter to Secretary Gale Norton. |

Agendum 17 Fish & Wildlife Service questionnaire: What Information does the FWS need from its Partners and Stakeholders for developing Regional Step-down Plans?

Informational Handout

Handout 1	Klamath River Fall Chinook Age-Specific Escapement, 2001 Run from the Klamath River Technical Advisory Team, dated March 4, 2001.
Handout 2	Pacific Fishery Management Council Meeting Schedule Notice, dated February 19, 2003.
Handout 3	Letter from Fish & Game Commission, Robert Treanor to Donald McIsaac, dated March 5, 2003.
Handout 4	Biology of the Klamath River Fish Kill 2003 Annual Meeting Notification.
Handout 5	Graphs of KOHM effort prediction from TAT.

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Motions and Assignments

Sunday, March 9

**Dave Bitts made a motion with Keith Wilkinson seconding.
To approve the agenda as amended.
The motion passed unanimously.**

**Keith Wilkinson made a motion with Paul Kirk seconding.
To use the following options for modeling purposes:**

Option 1:

Open- May 17

Close- Sept. 14

Limit- Two fish per day. All salmon, except coho.

Option 2:

Open- May 17-July 10 (10 day closure)

Reopen- July 21-Sept. 14

Limit- Two fish per day. All Salmon, except coho.

Option 3:

Open- May 17-July 5 (20-day closure)

Reopen- July 26-Sept. 14

Limit- Two fish per day, 6 fish in 7 days. All salmon, except coho.

The motion passed unanimously after discussion.

Dave Bitts made a motion with Paul Kirk seconding.

Propose two options for the California troll fishery: a 16% age-4 harvest rate with all expanded fishing opportunities added to the California fishery; and a 16% age-4 harvest rate with all expanded fishing opportunities added to the Oregon fishery.

After considerable discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

Mike Orcutt made a motion with Paul Kirk seconding.

**To model ESA constraints on Tribal allocation; for the TAT to model 2003 season with in-river recreational fishery at 15%, no ESA constraints, and a 35,000 fish spawner escapement, and maximizing Tribal harvests.
The motion passed unanimously.**

Virginia Bostwick made a motion with Eric Larson seconding.

To insert the following into the KFMC report to the PFMC:

RIVER RECREATIONAL ALLOCATION

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**Keith Wilkinson offered a Friendly Amendment:
To consider raising daily trip limits in Zone troll fishery in Oregon.
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The motion passed unanimously.**

**Mike Orcutt made a motion with Dave Hillemeier seconding.
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**Eric Larson offered a Friendly Amendment.
To amend the table with the 2003 18.6% projected harvest rate and the 2002 19.5% harvest rates.
Mike Orcutt accepted the Friendly Amendment.**

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To recommend changing "allocation" to "Harvest" in the last sentence.
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Mike Orcutt made a motion with Paul Kirk seconding.

To include the following in the report to the PFMC:

Assignments to TAT: none.

Assignment to Staff:

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FINAL AGENDA

Sunday, March 9

3:00 pm Convene Klamath Council meeting and introduce members

ADMINISTRATION

1. Review and approve agenda
2. Review handouts (staff)

TECHNICAL ADVISORY TEAM REPORT

3. Report on modeling results requested at the February, 2003 meeting

Break

4. Public comment

2003 MANAGEMENT SEASON

5. **Action:** Develop a range of options for the 2003 management season, for discussion with the Salmon Advisory Sub-panel and presentation to the Pacific Fishery Management Council
6. Assignments to the KRTAT, staff, and members
7. Set next meeting time(s) for remainder of week
8. Public comment

8:00 pm Recess

Meeting times to be arranged March 10-14:

Reconvene

9. Revise and approve agenda
10. Items relevant to progress of PFMC meeting

2003 MANAGEMENT SEASON (continued)

11. **Action:** Develop additional recommendations for presentation to the Pacific Fishery Management Council
12. Public Comment

GENERAL

13. Discuss proposed letter from KFMC to DOI Secretary Norton regarding the upcoming water year (Hillemeier, Bitts)
14. Discuss proposal to allow the retention of hatchery-reared coho salmon in the Trinity River recreational fishery
15. Draft letter from KFMC to PacifiCorp regarding marking rates of fall Chinook at Iron Gate Hatchery
16. Public Comment
17. Discuss draft letter from KFMC to the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) regarding Service's new Strategic Vision for the Fisheries program, expressing concern that Vision emphasis on restoring functioning ecosystems is inconsistent with where new funding is directed (Viele)
18. Assignments to the Technical Advisory Team, staff, and members
19. Set meeting times for the remainder of the week
20. Discuss items for the April 6-11, 2003, meeting in Vancouver, WA.

Adjourn